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In re Application of  
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Attorney Docket No.: 73915-83936  
For: METHOD APPARATUS AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR  
MANAGING PURCHASES

**DECISION**

This decision is in response to the "Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent of Record and Change of Correspondence Address" filed electronically on 11 September 2006. No fee is required.

**DISCUSSION**

The procedures for properly withdrawing as attorney are stated in Section 402.06 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), which reads, in part:

In the event that a notice of withdrawal is filed by the attorney or agent of record, . . . The withdrawal is effective when approved rather than when received . . .

The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office usually requires that there be at least 30 days between approval of withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). This is so that the applicant will have sufficient time to obtain other representation or take other action.

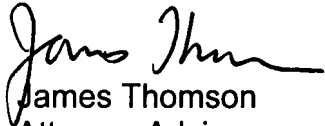
A review of the above-captioned application reveals that there are no outstanding responses due. However, Mr. Finn is not listed as the attorney of record in the subject application. Thus, there is no requirement for Mr. Finn to withdraw as attorney.

**DECISION**

In view of the above discussion, the request to withdraw as attorney of record is **DISMISSED** as **MOOT**.

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This application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing.



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